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In the Claims:

- Please cancel claims 1-31.
- Please add new claims 32-93.

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-32. Garden refuse shredding apparatus including:  
a housing defining a chamber having a refuse inlet for receiving garden refuse therethrough and a discharge outlet through which shredded refuse may be discharged;  
a feed hopper in communication with said refuse inlet for directing refuse through said refuse inlet into said chamber;  
a rotor mounted in said chamber, said rotor including a mounting plate connected to a drive shaft or hub and adapted to rotate therewith about an axis of rotation extending through said housing, and one or more chipper blades integral with or mounted to said mounting plate for rotation therewith, said mounting plate having an opening in front of the or each chipper blade through which shredded refuse may pass, and one or more macerating means integral with or mounted to said mounting plate for rotation therewith and adapted to macerate refuse fed into said chamber;

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